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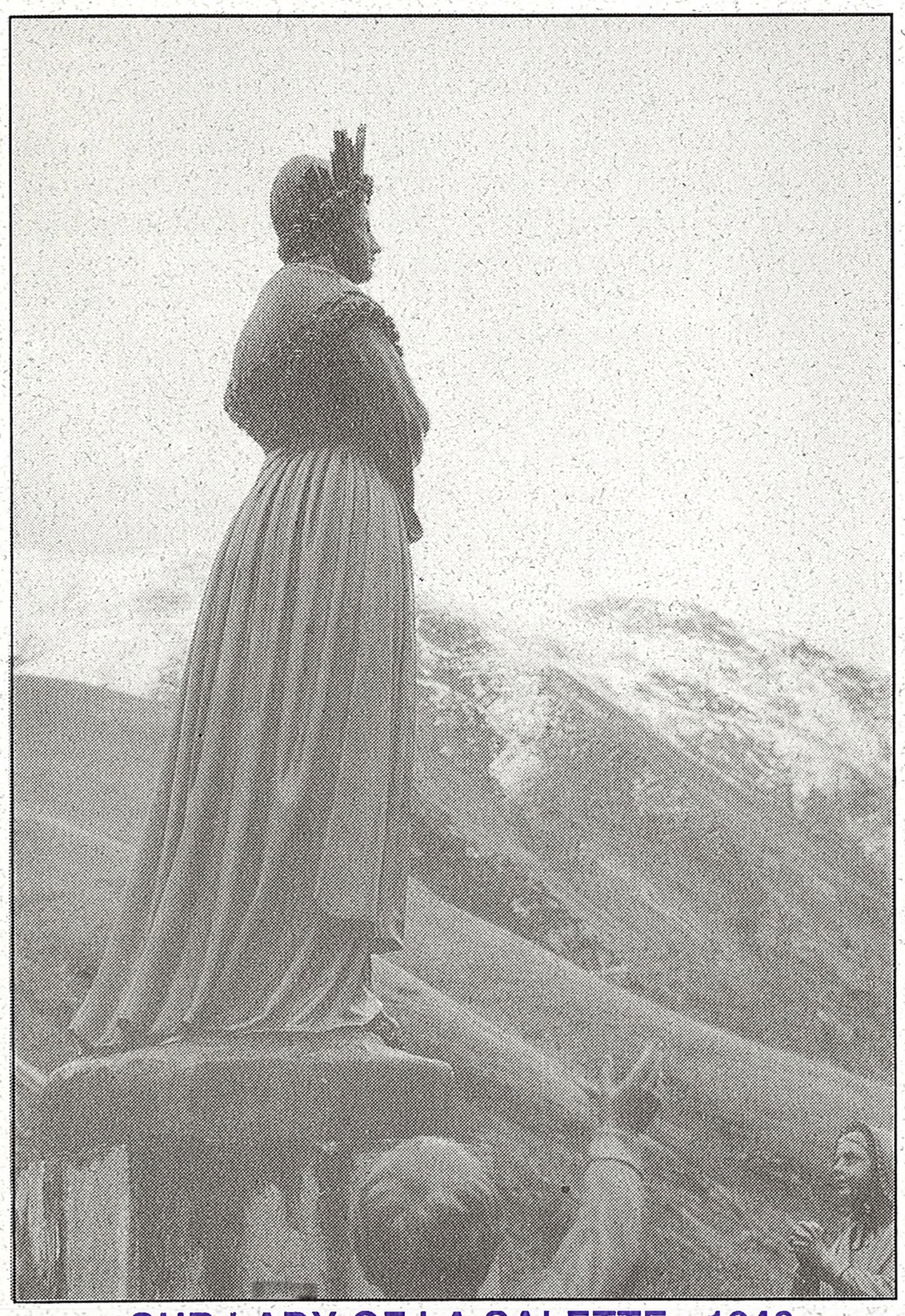

**OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE - 1846**
**Paul Curtis from Ontario, Canada took this photo November 17, 1996, at the apparition site in the French Alps.**

## NEWS & VIEWS

## 25th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

The first issue of the Sangre de Cristo Newsnotes (SDCN) was a two-page flyer back on September 29, 1973. It gradually grew to 8, 12, and then 20 or more pages over the years, averaging 4 issues a year for quite awhile. Now it is a twice-a-year project. We've had thousands of part-time subscribers, but less than 300 have stuck with us through thick and thin. To those loyal subscribers, supporters, and benefactors, I say **THANK YOU!!!!** I think the benefits have been mutual. It amazes me, though, that some of you have yet to subscribe to the magnificent **MAGNIFICAT** magazine out of St. Jovite. For $14 a year you get 10 issues of marvelous Christian literature. It has been observed that a number of people like to call themselves Christians and like to be thought of as Christians, but when it comes down to really being one (denying oneself, living joyfully and thankfully amidst one's day to day crosses, really loving God and neighbor.....), well, that is another matter. The **MAGNIFICAT** is the type of publication that tends to warm the heart of an authentic, Spirit-filled child of God. On the other hand it seems that pseudo-Christians shy away from such reading material; it is just too disruptive of their worldly likes and lifestyles. Anyhow, for someone who is hungry for something most delicious (spiritually speaking), I cannot highly enough recommend the **MAGNIFICAT**, P.O. Box 308, St. Jovite, Quebec, Canada J0T 2H0. Subscription: only $14 a year!

## 1999!

Are the angels of the Apocalypse about to sound their trumpets? For five years now I've been observing a snow angel up on one of the peaks in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains with a trumpet to his lips. Several persons I've heard about across America say they have picked up a hitchhiker who, after telling them that the angel has the trumpet to his lips, suddenly disappears from the moving vehicle! In recent years your editor has met several people that very likely have been favored with some special insights (lights) from God concerning what is transpiring and what is about to transpire on planet earth. A long-time predicted **WORK** of God and Our Lady is underway. This **WORK** is hidden from and will pass over the proud.

**EVENTS,** Divine interventions, are already shaping the future. Satan's reign is coming to an end. Mystery Babylon is about to fall. The great

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harlot is about to be exposed and will get her due. (Is she not the apostate Roman Catholic Church? - Our Lady of La Salette predicted that Rome would fall and become the seat of Antichrist!) Worldwide financial collapse!!? Y2K!!? Big, worldwide earthquake!!? W W III!!? Mother Yvonne Aimee (d. 1951) of France, whose cause for canonization has been introduced, indicated, I'm told, that France will have one more major purification before the prophesied era of peace. A good friend who has been reading her life (in French, don't think it is in English yet), told me that she said that the Virgin Mary, after W W II, related to her that before the year 2000 France would be invaded by Russia and some of its Islamic allies in a 3 day blitzkrieg. The occupation is predicted to last only 1/4th as long as the W W II German occupation, but will be much harsher. Then God will intervene with fire and hail from heaven, which intervention will mark the end of Communism.

Those thoughts make me take a deep breath. Lots of suffering and death. . . ., but how else might the earth and mankind be "purified" and the nations become the Christs? A **Warning**, a **BIG MERCY,** has also been predicted, like a worldwide particular judgement to happen for everyone simultaneously for a few seconds or minutes (like time is made to stand still), that, I'm told, will in a way let us see ourselves in the light of God, i.e. as He sees us. War is a punishment for sin! If, through such a **MERCY OF GOD** men stop sinning, no more wars need come...

A pope by "Divine Right"!? A Christian emperor king by "Divine Right"!? That is what the Saints, prophets and the Holy Scriptures indicate!!! (All well-explained and documented in the book THOU ART PETER advertised on the back inside cover of the **MAGNIFICAT**). The king will be annointed by the Great Pontiff. He will be the legitimate successor of King St. Louis of France. But, say the prophecies, France will not accept him until after a painful war....

Are we living in eventful times?!! I think so!!! But for you and me, dear reader, I think the biggest battle is simply the one of overcoming self. Jesus said that anyone who wants to be His disciple must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow Him! That reality has not changed. The new Apostles of the Latter times, as described at the conclusion of the Secret of Our Lady of La Salette, will have lived and will preach the cross, mortification, death to self.... as the only Way to Life, the only way of life, just as Jesus and His Saints have lived and preached this Way over the centuries. A pleasure-loving, this-world-centered, money-loving, greedy, self-centered society must give way to a humble, God-fearing, charitable, just society. **This is not just some pious wish, but, for those with eyes to see, it is what God through Mary and His chosen instruments is in the process right now of realizing!!!**

# FEW MORE THOUGHTS ON SOME CURRENT EVENTS

There may be one or two souls out there who have not yet heard that the Denver Broncos as of January 31, 1999, are back to back world football champions. Last year I was on retreat at St. Jovite during January.

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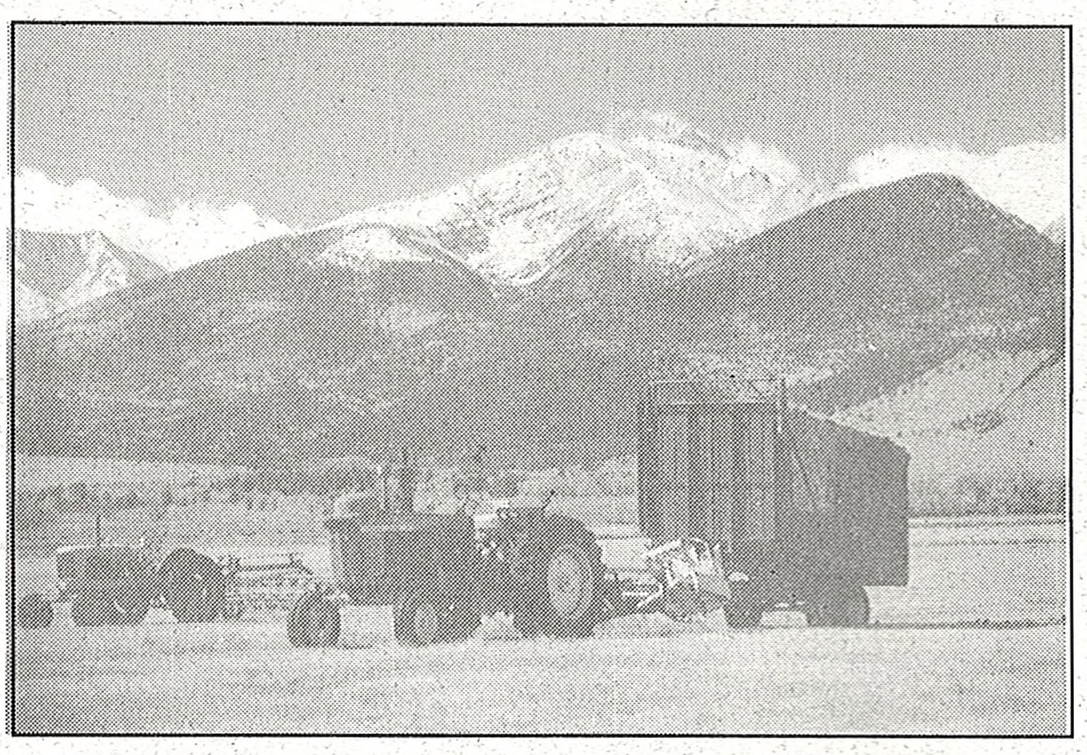

**October 2, 1998 photo at the end of hay harvest time in the Wet Mountain Valley. Looking up towards Paradise Basin and Humboldt Peak in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.**

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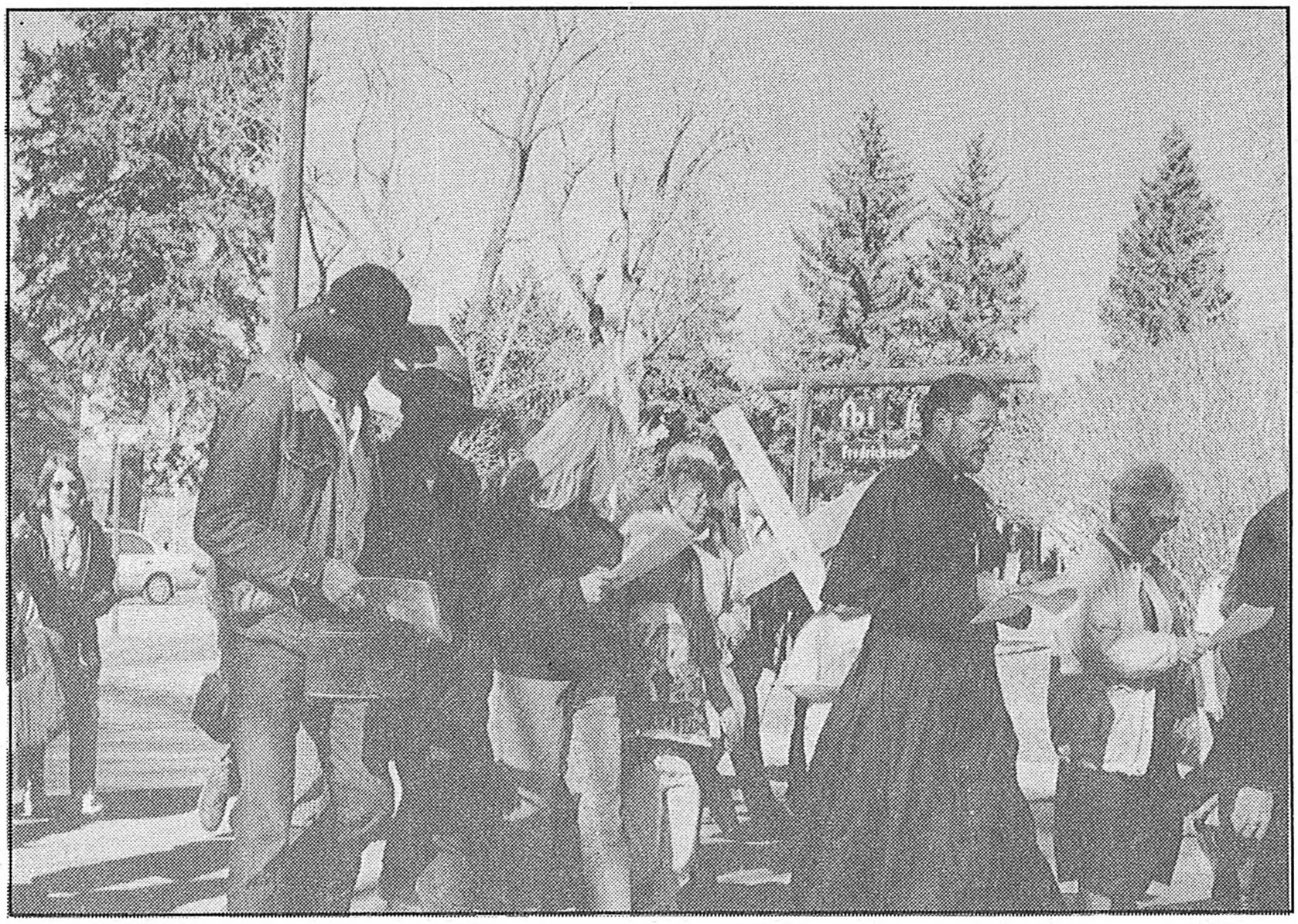
# NEWS AND VIEWS

It was not until several days after Super Bowl XXXII that I learned Denver even made it to the Super Bowl. This year I was back in Canada for a 2-week retreat during the playoffs. In the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport on January 19th, I first learned that the Broncos made it once again to the Super Bowl. Then, on January 31st I had a chance to see Super Bowl XXXIII on TV. Yes, I'm glad Denver won the big game a second year in a row. I like John Elway, Bill Romanowski, Terrell Davis, Jim McCaffrey, coach Mike Shanahan... they are sports heros.

Denver fans and coach want quarterback #7 John Elway to play one more season, which will be his 17th. If they read what preceeded this section, and believe any of it at all, they might start having reservations as to whether there will indeed ever be another Super Bowl. During the February 1st televised victory celebration parade in Denver, the channel 4 announcers said that for some of the fans **football was a religion** (as they zoomed in on some of them watching the parade from a large, high church bell tower). Yep!! That really is the case! **God and His heros (the Saints)** must take the back seat, if even that for many of them. When the **EVENTS** hit, people will, I suspect, be more inclined to listen to comments on the idolatry of sports. Like it or not, for many, priorities and lifestyles are in for a reformation.....or else!

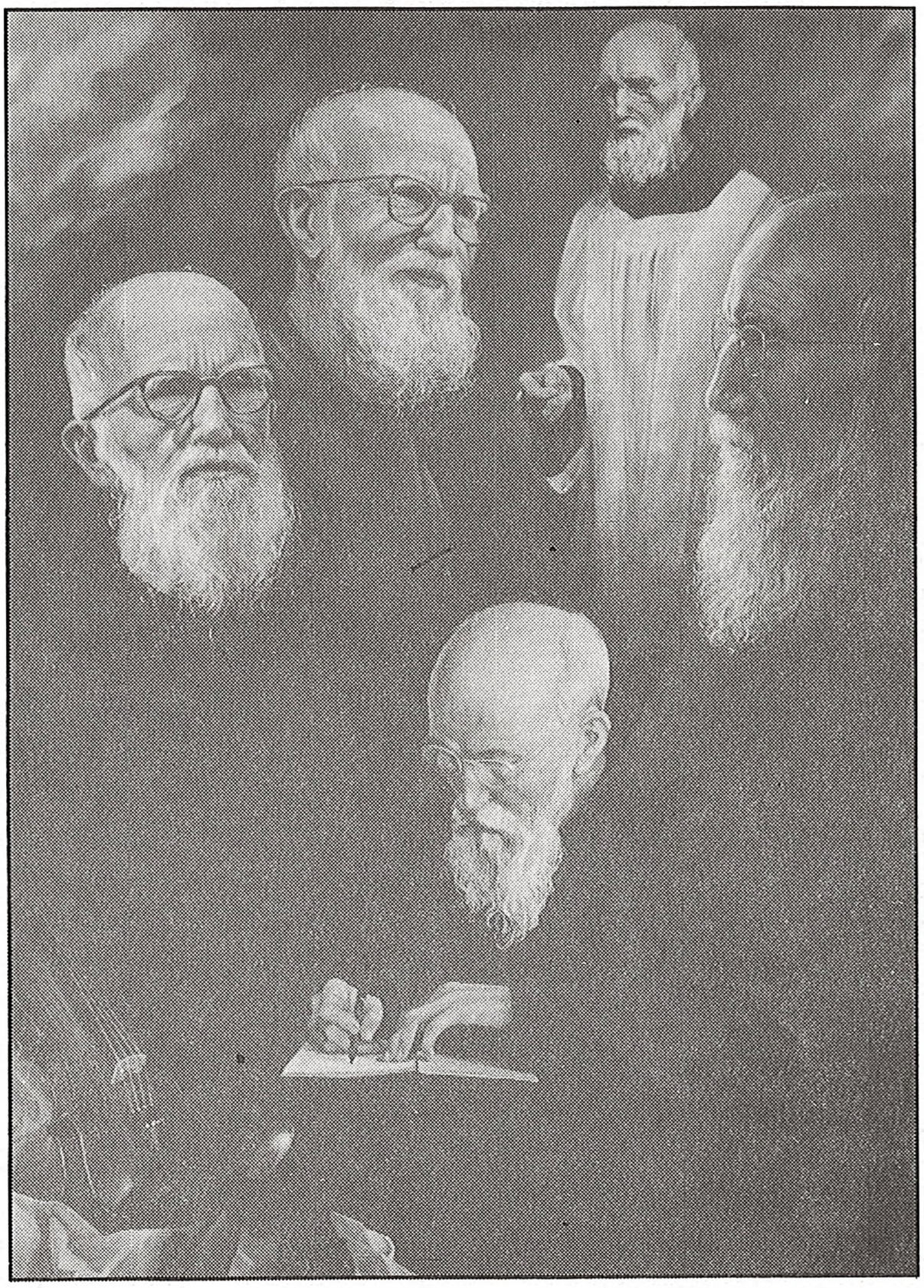
All the Super Bowl hype, parties, TV ads, and the horrible half-time show (I couldn't bear to watch), the time and attention that people, newspapers, souvenir makers and sellers, etc., etc., spend on football and the other professional sports (and non-professional sports, for that matter), is out of step with why God put us all on the earth. **We are not giving Him and His friends their due!** "Nough" said for now. But one of these days it is going to be a whole new ballgame that catches our attention..... STAY TUNED!!!



**Annual Good Friday procession of the cross in Westcliffe. We stop for about 5 minutes for a Gospel reading and prayer in front of each church in the community.**

# FATHER SOLANUS CASEY, CAPUCHIN

Who is Father Solanus?
A simple man. A simple priest.
Not a man of letters, although he sometimes wrote like a poet.
Not a man of degrees, yet his thought reached to profound depths.
In his own time, he was far ahead of his time.
Like a prophet, he was a man with a message for our times.



Like a prophet, he lived a life concerned for God's people, suffering and laboring for the conversion of sinners. His message, always one of faith and trust in God, was to console and to encourage. He brought about peace by a kindly insistence on our right relationship to and dependence on God and neighbor.

This Capuchin priest, Father Solanus Casey, was born on November 25, 1870, the sixth child in a family of ten boys and six girls, on a Wisconsin farm along the banks of the Mississippi. His Irish immigrant parents named him Bernard, after his father.

From an early age he learned obedience, diligence and piety from his God-fearing parents, and life on the farm taught him to be practical and resourceful. At 17, eager to supplement the family income after several crop failures, Bernard willingly left the farm for other employment. In nearby Stillwater, Minn., he worked for a time as a hand on the log-booms, as a part-time prison guard, and then as one of the first street-car operators when Stillwater installed the new electric trolleys.

In 1891, Bernard was able to pursue his long-cherished dream of becoming a priest. He began his studies at age 21, entering St. Francis Seminary High School in Milwaukee, Wisc., where he dedicated himself to his spiritual and academic formation.

Called by God to the Capuchin Order in 1896, Bernard was given the new name of Solanus. He soon became a model of religious observance, ever faithful to the holy vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. Although he experienced some difficulty with his studies, he so edified his fellow Religious and his Superiors that he was found worthy of ordination to the holy Priesthood on July 24, 1904. His long priestly ministry then began in New York.

Over the fourteen years he served at Sacred Heart Parish in Yonkers, New York, Fr. Solanus fulfilled the humble duties of Sacristan and Doorkeeper, besides those of Director of the Young Ladies Sodality, Director of Altar Boys and other pastoral duties. He soon edified the parishoners by his prayerful example at Mass and Devotions, and by his great charity toward the sick, the children, the non-Catholics and the poor.

Soon after being appointed to the Capuchin Friary of St. Bonaventure in Detroit, July 31, 1924, Father Solanus became known and loved for his virtues. Ever available to the poor, the sick, and to troubled souls he brought comfort and help to persons from every age and walk of life. He was ready and willing to listen to anyone, anytime. His ministry of charity and comfort were especially noted during the great depression of 1929, when his concern for the poor inspired the Detroit Capuchins to establish their Soup Kitchen, a service of charity that continues to this day.

During his final illness, he remarked: "I'm offering my sufferings that all might be one. If only I could see the conversion of the whole world." His last conscious act was to sit up in bed and exclaim: "I give my soul to Jesus Christ." Fr. Solanus died in Detroit at the age of 86 on July 31, 1957. He is buried at St. Bonaventure Monastery, Detroit, Michigan.

Our want of faith and confidence in Almighty God--wherein lies the secret of hope--and also, though we hardly recognize it, our want of real Christian humility. (45)

**Colorado pilgrimage to the Magnificat Monastery at St. Jovite in May 1998.**

**Your editor's mother, Vivian Jones, and brother, Steve Jones, in Delta, Colorado January 31, 1999.**

Let

passing

things

pass.

# PRAYER FOR THE AGED

*Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will someday be old.*

*Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every occasion.*

*Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.*

*Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details - give me wings to get to the point.*

*I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.*

*But seal my lips on my own aches and pains - they are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.*

*Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.*

*Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.*

*Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.*

- Author Unkown

# The first imperative

Father John Gregory of the Trinity, O.D.M.

**It is lack of self-forgetfulness and genuine humility that is blocking the progress of the Church, true evangelization.**

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HUMANS in general complain unceasingly of everything and nothing —people, circumstances, the weather, and so on. A man complains of his wife, the wife of her husband. "He does this, she does that... I say one thing to the children and my wife comes and says the opposite..." In short, we hear complaints under a thousand different forms and concerning everything. People even dig up events from a distant past to complain of them once again. "I can tell you, So-and-so made me suffer! I had to endure that person." And the litany of complaints goes on.

Where there is not enough supernatural in religious communities, people complain, too: "The superiors don't treat the subjects as they deserve. They are overburdened, they have unfair obediences, duties that are too demanding. There is no consideration..." etc., etc.

How rare it is in this world to meet someone who does not complain! Yet if we were true Christians, imbued with the Spirit of God, we would never have the boldness to complain. If we had humility in our hearts, if we were aware of our nothingness and our sins, no complaint would escape us.

"All Your dealings with us are pure justice, Lord," Holy Scripture says.[1] Everything contributes to our greater good: the way God treats us, the way He arranges events for us. Everything is God's goodness and justice. Even if certain people tortured us, martyred us and persecuted us, we should be careful not to complain too much of it. For all those sufferings come to us through the goodness and mercy of God, who wants to purify us.

Reading the lives of the Saints and martyrs is very beneficial. Seeing what they suffered generously for the love of God, we don't have the notion of complaining any more. And we should think, too, of the current martyrs, put into concentration camps under inhuman conditions, starving, consumed by the filth... If people could even just go and live a few days with the prisoners in our comfortable prisons, they would no longer be so ready to complain.

We complain because we are ungrateful. We should "give thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord,"[2] as Saint Paul says. That is the spirit of God. Instead of spending our time whimpering, lamenting, criticizing, let us thank the good Lord constantly. "Thank You, my God, for having given me an opportunity to suffer and in this way purify my soul, to repair and expiate my faults as they occur. My life is so full of infidelities! You have given me reparative suffering, You use instruments to make me suffer. Thank You, my God!"

Why is it that we are so prompt to put our neighbor on trial? Where do all those accusations come from, that are continually being launched against others? If we had the spirit of God we would not retain so many unpleasant memories, so much bitterness. We would not keep whole lists of grievances against other persons, or bear in mind theirs against us.

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1. Dan. 3:31
2. Eph. 5:20

I recently met a person who set before me a long litany of everything another person had caused this one to suffer throughout an entire lifetime. But what can we expect? This individual knew no better; Christian teaching has not been given as it should have. We have lived in the clouds, and **made of religion a mere doctrine, whereas religion must be a way of life.**

## Our true identity

If we were humble, the harshest treatment would seem very just to us, and we would not complain. It is easy to say, "I am only dust and ashes," but what are those words worth if when a little scratch occurs, we pose as martyrs and people who are misunderstood? A soul animated by the spirit of God would say, "People see me with defects, but they don't see me as bad as I am." "So-and-so reproached me with something? I would have merited ten more such reproaches. It is obvious that he does not know me..."

We should be in these dispositions, convinced that if people do not find defects in us, it is because they do not know us. Why have illusions? Even if we do not engage in all the vices, their roots are nonetheless there through original sin. We are bundles of walking misery.

Then why show so much sensitivity? Why be unhappy over a little reproach, sometimes a bigger one? With a bit of humility, instead of having a soul full of trouble and bitterness, we would recognize that these reproaches are very much justified; we deserve them. We ruminate, thinking of all our misfortunes, all the injustices we have undergone, the unkind treatment we have been victims of. The soul imbibes those thoughts like a sponge, instead of thinking of God, of Jesus who suffered so much, Jesus who is Innocence itself. This is what prevents souls from rising up towards Heaven.

# God's instruments

My brothers and sisters, instead of spending our time turned towards ourselves, full of so much consideration for our little selves, **let us forget ourselves!** Our Lord meant to teach us this self-forgetfulness when He said, "If anyone would be My disciple, let him deny himself..."[3] Denying ourselves means forgetting the "me," exactly as though it didn't exist. "I" just don't count any more. "Someone hit me? They hit a nothing, it's not serious." Why get worked up? The devil keeps us engrossed in all sorts of self-centered preoccupations, and what waste of time results!

Saint Paul says to "put time to good use, for the days are evil..."[4] In other words, do not waste your time in what is negative, ruminating all kinds of somber thoughts, but rather spend it praying, thinking of God, rendering service to your neighbor. Why hold something against this person or that one? We go on this way through lack of faith, because we don't know how to see the Hand of God in persons and all the circumstances of our lives.

Do you know that certain individuals without realizing it have tortured others throughout an entire lifetime? It was in the designs of God, but alas, often those sufferings were badly accepted. They soured characters, where they should have been the point of departure of great sanctification.

The lives of the Saints demonstrate that God invariably puts something alongside His servants to make them suffer. We almost revolt when we read what they endured. Their sufferings very often even came from persons who had good intentions, but whose doings were unbelievable.

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3. Luke 9:23
4. Eph. 5:16

Take, for instance, the saintly Curé of Ars and his famous vicar, Abbé Raymond. The latter said to him one day, "Father, it is too tiring for you to go upstairs. From now on, you'll sleep in the basement." The Curé of Ars was suffering very much from rheumatism, and he would have much preferred to continue going upstairs, rather than sleeping in a humid basement, but he let himself be relocated without saying a word.

When the Curé of Ars came down from the pulpit, often Abbé Raymond went up in his turn to retract publicly what the Saint had just said. "You know, my dear brethren, the Curé is getting old, and sometimes he gets mixed up and confused in his words. What he just said to you is an error..." And how did the Curé of Ars react under these circumstances? He used to say, "Fortunately I have Abbé Raymond to correct me. What would become of me without him?"

Certain parishioners were so indignant over the treatment being inflicted on their parish priest that they went to make a report to the bishop. "Is it true that you are tortured this way by Abbé Raymond?" the bishop had the saintly Curé questioned. "What's that you say?" the Curé answered. "Monsignor, don't take that priest away from me! He helps me so much! He takes good care of me; I have never been so well treated." He praised his vicar so much that the bishop believed there had been some mistake.

What is more, the Curé of Ars so completely disguised the fact that he suffered from his vicar, that this latter himself believed he was his benefactor and protector. "The Curé loved me so much," he said after the death of the Saint... "And it was mutual..." And yet this well-meaning vicar had tortured the Curé in every possible way and everyone had noticed it.

Such are the reactions of the Saints! They are far from being ours, and that is

why we remain far from God. Our pride deprives us of the divine intimacy.

When teaching the spiritual life, we always come back to the same truths. Perhaps you say, "Father John always repeats the same thing..." What else? The spiritual life, Christianity, is not a big book, **it is a life lived, it is humility, it is charity,** and can so be summed up. "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart," Jesus said.[5]

We have known religious who spent their time reading holy volumes, but were incapable of making a little act of humility or obedience or charity. What good does it do to fill up heads, if this doesn't get put into practice? "If anyone loves Me," Jesus said, "He will keep My words," that is, do what I have taught, "and My Father will love him and We will come to him and make Our abode with him."[6] Then it is God Himself who teaches us.

Above all, we should aim at putting our spiritual knowledge into practice. Please believe, my brothers and sisters, that **whatever conviction you may be able to transmit to others will result from practice in your own life.**

## Having the spirit of God

"Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ," said Saint Paul.[7] The spirit of God provokes humility and submission. It does not inspire us to want to have the last word, to get the upper hand, to want to dominate and run everything. "Be subject to one another in the fear of Christ..." Do we have that spirit? It is advisable to make an examination of conscience.

Where do all the current problems come from in societies and families, whence the conflicts, disagreements, misunderstandings, clashes? From a lack of God's spirit in souls. If that spirit reigned, everything would go well.

Everyone should aim at perfecting his life. Some people reason this way: "No one has corrected me concerning this, so it must be all right." No, we mustn't wait to be corrected, asked to show greater dedication, more humility, etc. We ourselves should see what needs to be improved and take the necessary means to reform. For instance, you recognize that in a certain circumstance your behavior is not humble, you are letting yourself be overcome by a spirit of pride contrary to the spirit of God. Take note of that, and make the appropriate resolutions.

For instance, some can't endure a remark. They begin to make excuses and to protest as soon as the slightest thing is called to their attention. That is a form of pride! So then you take note: "I will humbly accept remarks without making excuses. That is my weak point."

For others, pride consists in "being in the limelight." They always want to dominate, talk louder than the others, be listened to, be the center of attraction. That is their weak point; they should note it in their pocket notebook.

In the spiritual realm, we have to know how to be managers and to take inventory methodically. Our Lord says, "The children of this world are in their sphere more prudent than are the children of the light."[8] That is a reproach! For the earth people take necessary means, organize things, calculate and don't go about their business blindfolded. When what concerns God is at stake, often we proceed quite haphazardly. The daily examination of conscience, where we take note of our errors, our progress, and our good resolutions, is a necessary practice in order to "administer" our spiritual "business."

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5. Matt. 11:29
6. John 14:23
7. Eph. 5:21

8. Luke 16:8

## To be an apostle

If we are not ready to be the last ones, happy to be regarded as nobodies, and to derive joy from that, instead of sadness, and if we are surprised and upset because we are left out, we do not have humility of heart and we are not true servants of God.

We know supposedly saintly persons who become very upset as soon as they do not get enough attention. Some people who have come to visit the Monastery have almost lost their faith because I have not talked long enough with them. "Can the renovated Church be true? Are we on the right road? I went to St. Jovite and Father John walked past me without even looking at me, as if I weren't there!"

That may seem to be exaggerated and silly, but such reactions are more frequent than anyone wants to admit. We will never be apostles of God with such dispositions. The good Lord cannot get His work done with "paper maché" souls, full of susceptibilities and self-love. We have to be humble and courageous, my brothers and sisters. **If you want to do God's work,** you have to be happy that everyone passes you by and looks at you as if you were a mangy dog.

It is lack of self-forgetfulness and genuine humility that is blocking the progress of the Church, true evangelization. Most of the "apostles" go off to their apostolate with a secret desire to be approved and acclaimed. If they don't meet such a climate, there is nothing to be done there, according to them. There are a host of such apostles, very willing to carry out their apostolate provided one rolls out the red carpet for them. "Father So-and-so or Sister So-and-so or Mr. So-and-so is coming!" If there is not a cordial reception, most will say, "They won't see me again. There is nothing to be done with those people." We should be apostles who, if someone gives them a good kick, come back and stay on the porch, begging on their knees, "Be so good as to listen to us a little. We want to say a few words to you for the good of your soul..." Who among us is ready for that? There aren't many.

Do you know what Saint John of God's specialty was? It was going to the front porch of houses of ill fame, armed with a large crucifix and saying, "My dear people, Our Lord died for you, have pity on your souls!" Not only did they not listen to him, but many times, they beat him up and left him lying there unconscious, the crucifix in pieces. "Damned fool," they shouted, yet Saint John of God came back to the charge. In this way he converted multitudes of good-for-nothings and girls leading a bad life, who afterwards became Saints.

Saint John of God founded a congregation of Magdalens and a community for men. And one of the first Brothers of that community, Brother Anthony Martin, was a man who had made a business of houses of ill fame. Saint John of God converted that man, who became the first Brother of the community. He was not exactly an "angel," as people say. He became the successor of Saint John of God and a great Saint in his own right, a miracle-worker who was highly favored by Heaven.

## Beginning with ourselves

My sisters, my brothers, if you aren't able to bear a little insult, a little rebuff from your brothers or your acquaintances, from the family, how will you suffer martyrdom, if God should ask it of you? To be apostles of God, you have to be ready to be killed and cut up in pieces. Who among us is ready to suffer for the cause of God? We should make that examination.

Many of you among the Disciples, for instance, cannot even wear the habit without complaining. You try to alter it, shorten it, because you are afraid of a little humiliation, a little mockery. Nobody wants to do something for God! How can you expect to be apostles, ready for martyrdom, if you are afraid of wearing a habit? Some are afraid of being criticized, of being left out. We would like to have everyone approve us.

**If some day we succeed in getting rid of human respect, of that fear of displeasing human beings, of the desire to please them to the detriment of God's Will, we will become free souls and capable of accomplishing great things for God.** As long as we do not have these dispositions, we will never move forward. If once and for all we would learn to seek only God's good pleasure, in total oblivion of the earth, acting as though we were completely alone, then we would become extraordinary instruments in the hands of God. It is the divine friendship that we should aim to win, not the approbation of humans. Contempt for human considerations, to please God, is often what is missing, even in the best souls.

To achieve this, let us begin by accepting little affronts, little discourtesies that occur in our own milieu. We call these lack of consideration, but if we really had humility, really had the spirit of God, we would take all in good stride. A certain person pushes you around? You wouldn't even dare say this is lack of charity. Thinking it demonstrates that you are full of pride.

Blessed Anna Maria Taigi was married forty-seven years to a capricious man who made her life miserable. If the meal did not please him, the gentleman wrenched the tablecloth and dashed everything on the floor, shattering the dishes in a thousand pieces. People say, "If I had been married to that man, I would have tamed him." But how did a Saint, who had the spirit of God, react? She picked up the pieces. "My poor husband, you will never correct yourself..." Nothing more than that. She did not go off and complain, "What an imbecile I'm 'yoked' to! What injustices he inflicts on me," etc.

## Ideal circumstances

The good Lord did not place the Saints in facile circumstances. Many souls excuse themselves saying, "I would like to do more for God, but I can't; my wife isn't willing. My husband is opposed." There is no obstacle, none at all! **The problem is in ourselves, in our fear of suffering.**

We would like a sanctification which would come about under marvelous conditions. If conditions were such, there would be no sanctification. **Becoming a Saint is precisely loving the good Lord in the midst of all kinds of difficulties;** it is serving Him when it is humanly impossible to serve Him. It is principally in this that sanctity consists – practicing charity when the others give us a hard time; being patient when there are all sorts of reasons for impatience; practicing humility when humiliations occur and we are living with proud individuals. That is why Our Lord said, "Scandals must come..."[9] because they are a necessary element, that the virtue of Saints may be exercised.

God wants union of heart and mind with those who surround us, and this is a means of sanctification, but contradiction, **if you accept it,** can be a still greater means of sanctification.

The most violent persecutions against Christians were unleashed during the first centuries of the Church, and it is nevertheless during that period that the greatest fervor reigned. After the Edict of Constantine in 313 which officially recognized the Christian religion and granted all liberty, people thought, "Now that the Church is approved, it will be marvelous. Reli-

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9. Luke 17:1

gion will expand; we will be able to convert the world, build churches everywhere, etc." That is not what happened. On the contrary, the Church began to grow decadent. As long as the Christians were living like tracked animals, hiding in the catacombs, persecuted and martyred, the Church remained fervent and was filled with Saints. But following official recognition of Christianity, after the apparition of the Cross in the sky, which was seen by Constantine and all his army, fervor began to decline. Heresies and schisms arose, and many vices infiltrated into the Church. Freedom from persecutions had slackened energies.

In the earliest times of the Church, how many popes were imprisoned, rendered powerless, chained hand and foot! Apparently they were doing nothing; there appeared no decrees, there were no discourses. Nothing... except praying and suffering, and that is what the world needs, that is what saves the Church: prayer, suffering, humility and love.

Let us not doubt, my brothers and sisters, the power of divine grace which will work marvels. As for myself, since the beginning of the Community I have been witness to that power. It had been said to me, "Priests have not wanted to respond to My designs. I addressed Myself to individuals among the faithful, saintly persons who were supposedly good Christians; they too were not willing. Well, I am going to take sinners, and I will make of them Apostles and Saints." I said, "Is it possible?" Yet I have incontestably experienced the power of grace.

It is the good Lord who creates Saints, but it is a question of joining in His game one hundred per cent. The humble ones, those who make the greatest efforts to become humble, are those who enter best into God's scheme.

photo: UPI

**Father Raymond Jasinski with the statue that has wept.**

# A statue weeps

**Specialists of the Catholic Church are to examine a wooden statue of the Virgin, which witnesses say they saw weeping. Rev. Raymond Jasinski, assistant in the parish of Saint John of God in Chicago, says he saw the statue weep at intervals, during three days' time. He says he saw "tears flowing from both eyes," and he describes the event as a "supernatural phenomenon."**

**The assistant said that he himself and some Sisters dried the tears of the statue and that they kept the cloth used for this purpose to give to the religious authorities.**

**The statue, called "Mystical Rose," was blessed in a basilica of Montichiari in Italy before coming to the United States. Father John Starace of New York obtained this statue for the parish of Saint John of God.**

**Hundreds of persons went to the church in the hope of seeing the miracle. One of them commented, "I came just to be on hand and see the miracle. It is a shame that She has to weep to get our attention. She is weeping because there is so much evil in the world."**

Ref.: **The Gazette** and **La Presse**, Montreal, Quebec, June 2, 1984.

*Christmas 1998*

*Dear Family and Friends;*

*It was 20 Years this June when we moved our family into the log cabin in the woods that we now call home. Our reason for the move from Illinois was that God had called Stan to "Build a campground in the Rockies." A place where people can come for a time of quiet and refreshment, to learn of the Lord Jesus and to praise Him. This is still our mission in life.*

*Our children have moved away and have families of their own. We work with community organization, such as The National Frontier Pathways Scenic and Historic Byway, The Teen Hotline, The Historic Westcliff School, Friends of Beckwith, and School Dist C-1. We cannot however, allow these interests to overshadow what God has sent us to do at "Holy Hill." Each year we look forward to sharing with the community in Retreats, Seminars an Easter Sunrise Service and the Christmas Bon-Fire, Candle Light Celebration. This year our Christmas Celebration will be on Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM. If you are in our area we invite you to join us.*

*The story of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ burns in our hearts. Our purpose is to proclaim the wonderful message of Christmas, "He is called, Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*
*Five awesome names to encourage us with hope as we look at the perilous time in which we live. In the midst of the world's confusion come the words of the prophet Isaiah, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be on His shoulders:"*

*As we view the tinsel, the sparkle, the giving and exchanging of gifts, our hope is that we will all think of the most precious gift of all, the peace that can come into a heart with a relationship with Jesus Christ. He will give His peace to us this Christmas if we put our trust and faith in Him.*

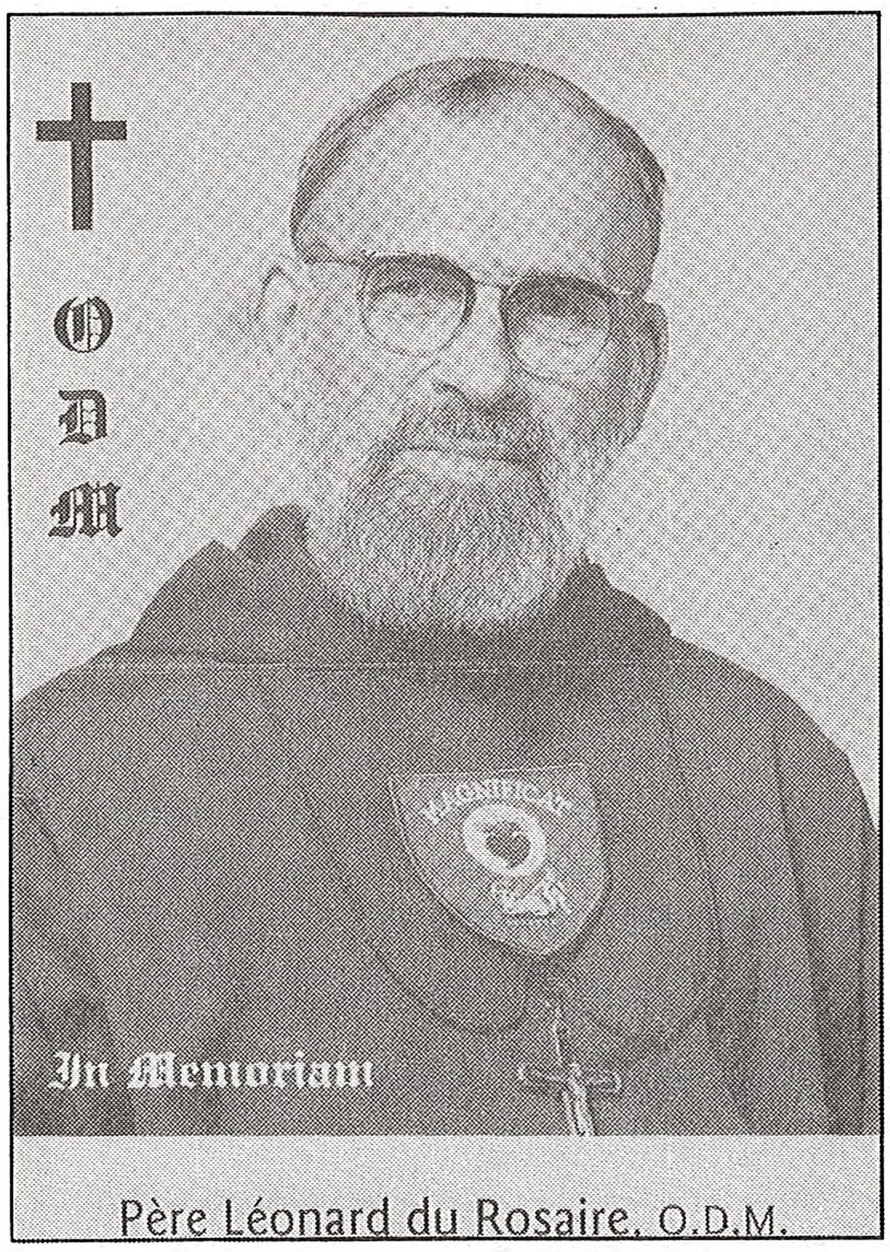
*Lovingly,*

*Stan & Irene*

*Stan & Irene Francis*

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

I am putting this Christmas letter in my newsnotes as a gesture of appreciation to a dedicated couple who have done much for their community and the Church. They are also one of the hidden catalysts supporting Westcliffe's growing and loving ministerial fellowship: - our meetings at noon the 1st Wednesday of each month at the old Westcliff schoolhouse are, I think, most pleasing to God, and one of those little fires of the Holy Spirit beginning to burn in a lot of places!




**Père Léonard du Rosaire, O.D.M.**
(Léonard Blais)
1925-1997

Father Leonard of the Rosary, O.D.M. above was one of the first two brothers to join with Brother John in the early 1950's. Your editor met him in 1993 on the island of Guadeloupe south of Puerto Rico. I love this man and look on him as a great saint!

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus is a great modern day Saint we should all get well acquainted with. She played no small part in Father Leonard's pilgrimage.

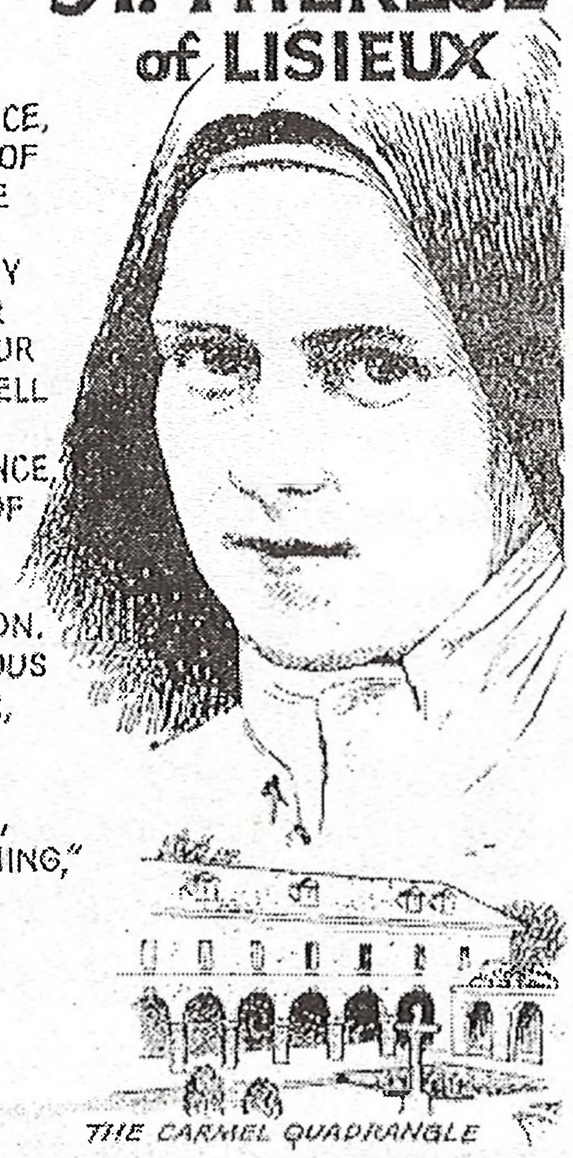
In case you need a magnifying glass to read the address on the bottom of the notice on the right, it is:
The American Society of Ephesus, Inc., 327 North Elizabeth Street, Lima, Ohio 45801-4304, U.S.A. Write and ask them for a copy of the booklet: "House of Our Lady".

# ST. THERESE of LISIEUX

MARIE FRANCOISE THERESE MARTIN, KNOWN AS "THE LITTLE FLOWER OF JESUS," WAS BORN AT ALENCON, FRANCE, ON JAN. 2, 1873. A SHY CHILD IN A HOME OF REFINEMENT, THERESE FROM A YOUNG AGE LEARNED ABOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS. AT 8 SHE BECAME VERY ILL, A STRANGE MALADY FROM WHICH THERE SEEMED NO CURE. HER SISTERS PRAYED OVER HER AND SHE SAID OUR LADY SMILED AT HER AND SHE BECAME WELL AGAIN. AT THE AGE OF 15, SHE ENTERED THE CARMELITE CLOISTER AT LISIEUX, FRANCE, WHERE SHE KEPT PERFECT OBSERVANCE OF THE RULE AND TOLD OTHERS OF HER "LITTLE WAY" TO GOD, WHICH IS LOVE AND TRUST JESUS WITH CHILDLIKE ABANDON.

BEFORE SHE DIED, THIS "LILY OF DELICIOUS PERFUME"–AS POPE ST. PIUS X CALLED HER, REVEALED TO HER SUPERIORS UNDER OBEDIENCE, HER LIFE STORY IN PAGES OF RARE BEAUTY. "FROM THE AGE OF THREE, I'VE NEVER REFUSED OUR GOOD GOD ANYTHING," SHE SAID. SHE DIED AT AGE 24 ON SEPT. 30, 1897. SHE WAS CANONIZED A SAINT IN 1925.

THE FEAST OF ST. THERESE, "THE LITTLE FLOWER," IS OCT. 3.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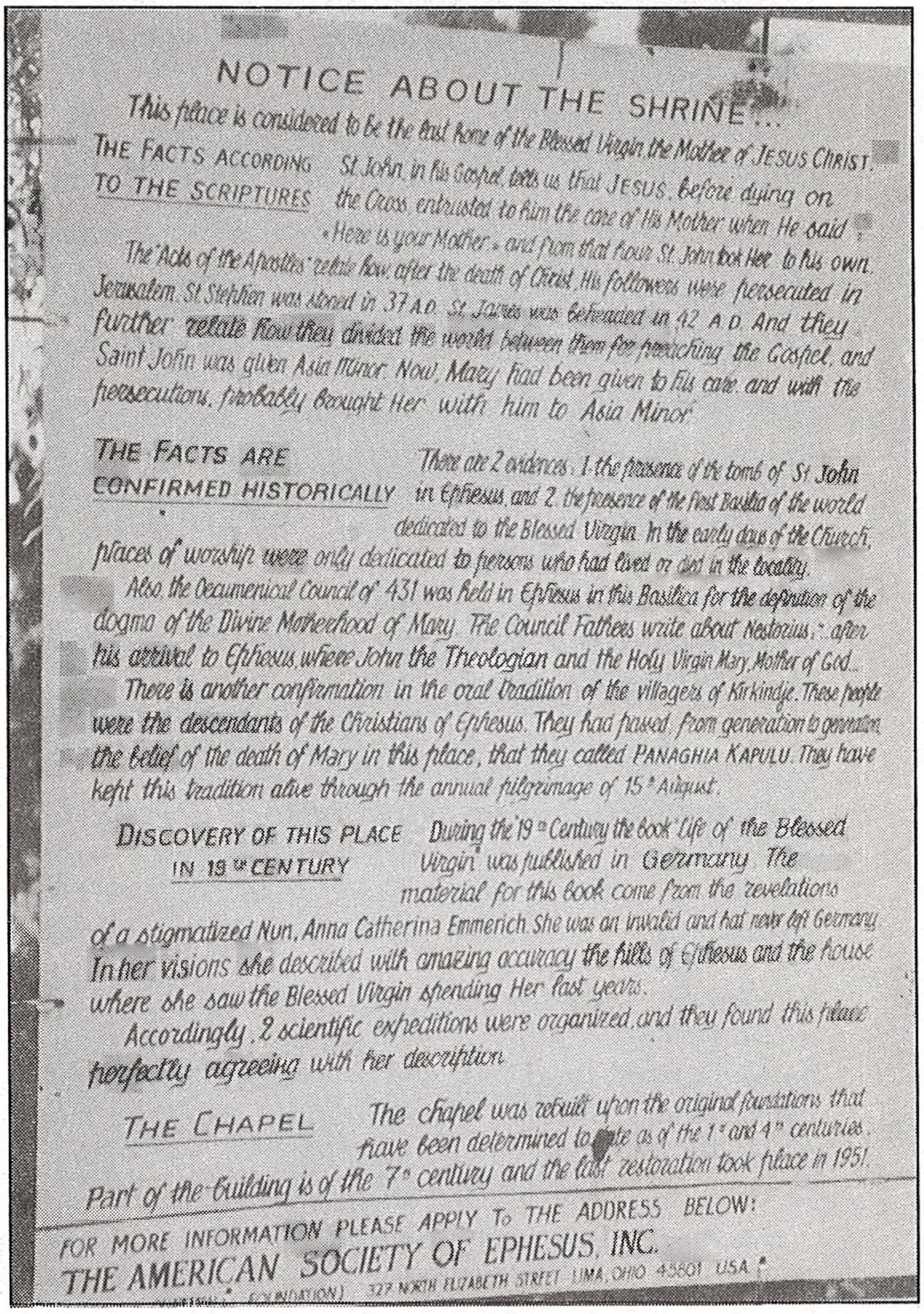
NOTICE ABOUT THE SHRINE...

This place is considered to be the last home of the Blessed Virgin, the Mother of JESUS CHRIST.

THE FACTS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

St. John, in his Gospel, tells us that JESUS, before dying on the Cross, entrusted to him the care of His Mother when He said "Here is your Mother" and from that hour St. John took Her to his own.

The "Acts of the Apostles" relate how after the death of Christ, His followers were persecuted in Jerusalem. St. Stephen was stoned in 37 A.D. St. James was beheaded in 42 A.D. And they further relate how they divided the world between them for preaching the Gospel, and Saint John was given Asia Minor. Now, Mary had been given to His care and with the persecutions, probably brought Her with him to Asia Minor.

THE FACTS ARE CONFIRMED HISTORICALLY

There are 2 evidences: 1. the presence of the tomb of St. John in Ephesus and 2. the presence of the first Basilica of the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. In the early days of the Church, places of worship were only dedicated to persons who had lived or died in the locality.

Also the Oecumenical Council of 431 was held in Ephesus in this Basilica for the definition of the dogma of the Divine Motherhood of Mary. The Council Fathers write about Nestorius: "after his arrival to Ephesus, where John the Theologian and the Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God...

There is another confirmation in the oral tradition of the villagers of Kirkindje. These people were the descendants of the Christians of Ephesus. They had passed from generation to generation the belief of the death of Mary in this place, that they called PANAGHIA KAPULU. They have kept this tradition alive through the annual pilgrimage of 15th August.

DISCOVERY OF THIS PLACE IN 19th CENTURY

During the 19th Century the book 'Life of the Blessed Virgin' was published in Germany. The material for this book come from the revelations of a stigmatized Nun, Anna Catherina Emmerich. She was an invalid and had never left Germany. In her visions she described with amazing accuracy the hills of Ephesus and the house where she saw the Blessed Virgin spending Her last years.

Accordingly, 2 scientific expeditions were organized, and they found this place perfectly agreeing with her description.

THE CHAPEL

The chapel was rebuilt upon the original foundations that have been determined to date as of the 1st and 4th centuries. Part of the building is of the 7th century and the last restoration took place in 1951.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE APPLY TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:
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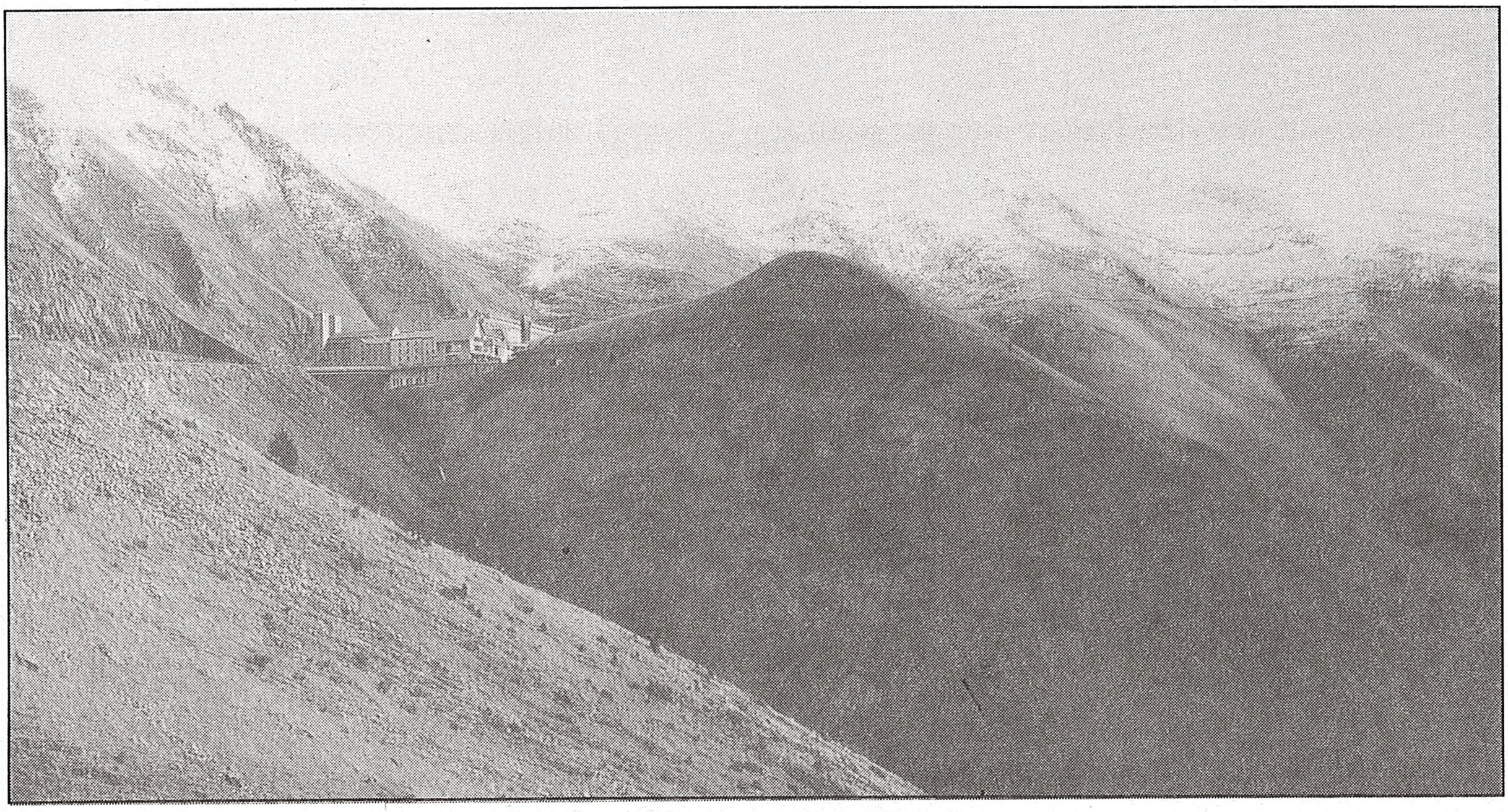

## OUR LADY OF LASALETTE

November 17, 1996

"The weather was mystically warm, wet and misty early on the mountainside. The date, November 17, 1996, 10:17 a.m., when 3 lone persons - Fr. John Gregory XVII, Msgr. Pommier and Paul Curtis hiked up to the apparition site. It was also the feast day of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus. The 25th Sunday after Pentecost. Such a providential experience, on this, a Sunday. A day, Our Lady of LaSalette petitioned, was defamed by her children, who work for gain and blaspheme Her Son's name..... The secret of LaSalette is scorned... LaSalette is not even marked on the map."

# God has intervened in His Church

**Catherine St-Pierre**

*The texts on the following 9 pages have been photocopied from pages 461, 361, 362, 357, 379,391, 411, 447, 493, 497, 876, 878, 879 and 885 of the book THOU ART PETER. ($35 postpaid from Editions Magnificat)*

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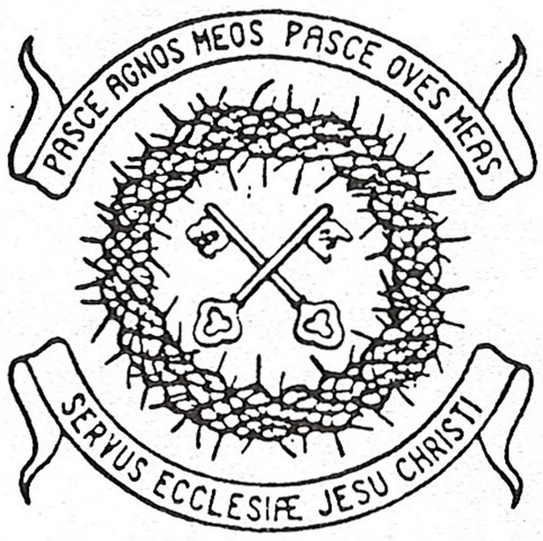


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# God has intervened in His Church

As we draw near the end of this compilation of prophetic voices, a clear and obvious fact seems to stand out in the texts: **God has intervened in His Church, and He has given it the Shepherd promised over the ages to prevent it from perishing.** And yet, so many people remain indifferent when confronted with this divine work! Others simply refuse God the right to intervene personally in His Church. Finally, many pronounce a negative judgment before even asking God to enlighten them. For in the end — and in the case of our particular subject — it takes, above all, a special light to see clearly. That light is mysteriously reserved for the humble, and for those who pray and do penance while asking to know the Will and designs of God.

The sacred throne could not be shaken any more than it is already! It is shaken by the prevailing schism, heresy and apostasy, and by the ones who stigmatize those responsible for the decadence of the true Catholic Faith. The consequence: unprecedented confusion and disarray! Countless little groups have formed and are still forming into as many little "parallel churches," established without any approbation for the most part. Some of them still recognize the pope of Rome, but they act as they please, without any jurisdiction; others claim that they are of the Catholic faith and religion, but working under the jurisdiction of bishops created elsewhere and not recognized by Rome. The sacred throne is

shaken! This *headless* Church — for the legitimate head is not recognized — is like an empire in a state of catastrophe, in which the general situation is one of "every man for himself." What a tribulation! What a chastisement! While waiting for the hour of resurrection to strike, God Himself operates and maneuvers within this abnormal state of affairs. He is making the best of it, since it will serve to make His own intervention all the more manifest and striking.

A supernatural victory is promised. In the future, perhaps sooner than we could possibly imagine, the public phase of the mission of the Great Pontiff will begin. Then the Great Monarch will appear to second the efforts of the Shepherd. By the power of God, unity will finally come about, leading all the Churches back into the bosom of the true Church of Jesus Christ. This is the Lord's design.

One characteristic feature is found in almost all the prophecies: they situate the Great Monarch's entry onto the scene at the moment of the final events, at the beginning of the public phase of the Great Pontiff's mission; united, these two shall insure the triumph of the Church and shall lead the nations to unity of faith.

The same thing applies to the two great chosen ones of God in these latter times: besides being invested with a prophetic mission, they are prophets themselves,[2] directly guided by God for the fulfillment of His divine decrees. On the day of the consecration at Rheims, Joan of Arc, kneeling at the feet of King Charles VII and weeping with joy, said to him, "Gentle King, the Will of God is now accomplished."

All of sanctity is contained in the fulfillment of that holy Will; the pursuit of that aim is the most important thing in the world. Our Lord declared, *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the Will of My Father in heaven."*[3] The perfection of all the virtues cannot replace it. *"Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity; I know not where you are from,"*[4] the Most High shall say to those who want to rely on their works, accomplished by their personal will.

The difficult mission of the Great Pontiff and the Great Monarch will go down in history because, first and foremost, these men shall have accepted the holy Will of God with heroism. The wonders God performs through them will be the result of their total conformity to His divine wishes. We may be sure that nothing great, nothing worthwhile in the supernatural order can ever be achieved on earth without the *Fiat Voluntas tua* of the Our Father, united to that of Gethsemane.

— Father Lorenzo Ricci, Superior General of the Jesuits (†1755), predicted the following:

> God shall manifestly send His help, at the precise moment the whole world will seem to be crumbling. Thanks to this divine assistance, a valorous duke shall then rise up, of an ancient and noble German family which the sovereign of France had once abased. The hand of this duke shall be singularly strong and his arm shall champion faith, laws and homeland... In an assembly *(the Good Council)* of men remarkable for their piety and wisdom, he shall emit new laws and new decrees, **with the help of the Pope**; he shall dispel all spirit of confusion and restore our society...
>
> **A new age shall then begin**, and *there shall be, all over the world, one fold and one shepherd.*[1]

Here is another of Father Ricci's prophecies, taken from the work of Marquis de la Franquerie, in which he expresses himself somewhat differently:

> The Great Monarch shall surround himself with men distinguished in the Church for their wisdom and holiness; and, in concert with the Holy Pontiff, he shall establish new laws and new constitutions; he shall bind up the spirit of vertigo... Everywhere *there shall be one fold and one Shepherd,* and the world and **all men shall enjoy peace in adoration of God.**[2]

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1. J. Johannis, Le monde en feu, pp. 140-141.
2. Marquis de la Franquerie, Le Saint Pape et le Grand Monarque, p. 31

Léon Bloy wrote to a priest in Périgueux in 1870:

> Christianity shall be reborn by a sort of sublime supernatural violence that will break our hearts with admiration.[2]

Léon Bloy was then twenty-four years old. Born in the year of the Apparition of La Salette, 1846, he passed away in the year of the Apparitions of Fatima, 1917, at the age of 71.

Let us repeat once again what we have been saying all along in this work:

The crucial point
of the Third Secret of Fatima predicts
THE ELECTION OF THE SUCCESSOR OF PETER
CHOSEN BY GOD HIMSELF
OUTSIDE OF THE CONCLAVE
which should not have subsisted after 1960.

*"This does not concern the years of my pontificate,"* declared John XXIII. Had he made an act of faith and revealed the Third Secret in 1960, would the Church, at his death in 1963, have swept aside this Will of God?... It is too late to ask that question now.

What is more, the prophecies reveal to us what finally appears as a component in a divine design. The institution of the Church is crumbling and God has been letting it happen, because **He has decided to regenerate His Church**, that is, make it undergo a rebirth. The Shepherd He has designated Himself, as He once did with Peter, bears the weight of this divine election almost alone. Submitted to God, he will continue climbing his hard Calvary until such time as God Himself reveals His divine plan to the world. Then everything will become clear.

On June 20, 1965, **the Virgin of Fatima** appeared to Father John of the Trinity at St. Jovite and said in a public message:

> **This Work is Mine...**
>
> My children, do not let yourselves be deceived by Satan, who will do everything to lead you astray from My Son's path. It is truly I who am leading you, My children, do not be afraid!
>
> **Little child, I shall lead you by the hand so that you may lead on the right path those My Son has placed beneath your staff.** I repeat it to you, they will not go astray by following the counsels they receive from you...

**The SECRET OF FATIMA is truly this Renewed Church. I come to tell it to you once again, as I confirmed it over in Spain, but they wanted to put gags over the mouths of those poor children.**

But here, you, My children of My Church, are free to speak. I wanted to make you free so that you could proclaim My Son's wishes despite the opposition of all those who call themselves ministers of My Son, but who go against Him.

It is I, it is My Immaculate Heart that will triumph... *In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph.* That end is coming, My children. My motherly Heart will triumph.

At La Salette, the Most Blessed Virgin repeated these final words twice:

> Well, My children, you will make this known to all My people!

The Message which the Queen of Heaven gave that day was also very heavy and not easy to listen to. It was heavy with the entire future of the world and of the Church, heavy with Her immense sorrow, heavy with Her love and Her hopes. Her first words had been:

> Come closer, My children, do not be afraid; I am here to tell you great news.

She concluded Her Appeal to the Apostles of the Latter Times with these words:

> It is time for them to arise and come forth to enlighten the earth. Go, and show yourselves as My cherished children; I am with you and in you, provided that your faith be the light that enlightens you in these days of woe. May your zeal cause you to be as famished for the glory and honor of Jesus Christ. Fight, children of light, you little number who see; for behold the time of times, the end of ends.

In these latter times, in the hour of the greatest combat against the forces of evil, the cause has once again been committed into the hands of Mary Immaculate. It is our duty to help Her, to put all our trust in Her.

Our Lord said to Maria Nieves Holgado:

> Now, there remains for these latter times another work, still unknown, which is the Work of the Reconciliation of men with God through the intermediary of the Apostles of the Latter Times... This is the Work of works, without which the Church would not witness its triumph...
>
> The Great Pontiff, I have told you, shall belong to this Union chosen by Me from all eternity...
>
> All of that shall be fulfilled by the intervention of My Mother, the great Captain of the Heavenly Host.[2]

2. G. L. Boué, Voix et Visions d'Espagne (Lesbordes: Tarbes, 1938), pp. 202, 196 and 291.

Saint Louis Mary de Montfort exclaimed:

> Lord Jesus, remember to give Your Mother a new Company, **to renew all things through Her**, and to end through Mary the years of grace, as You began them through Her.[1]

May this mighty Mother have mercy on all the children of Her Church and hasten the day when the counterpart of Her sorrowful Message at La Salette may be fulfilled:

> Then peace will come, the reconciliation of God with men; Jesus Christ will be served, adored and glorified; charity will flourish everywhere. The new kings will be the right arm of the Holy Church, which will be **strong, humble, pious, poor, zealous and imitative of the virtues of Jesus Christ**. The Gospel will be preached everywhere, and men will make great progress in the faith, because there will be unity among the workers of Jesus Christ and because men will live in the fear of God.[2]

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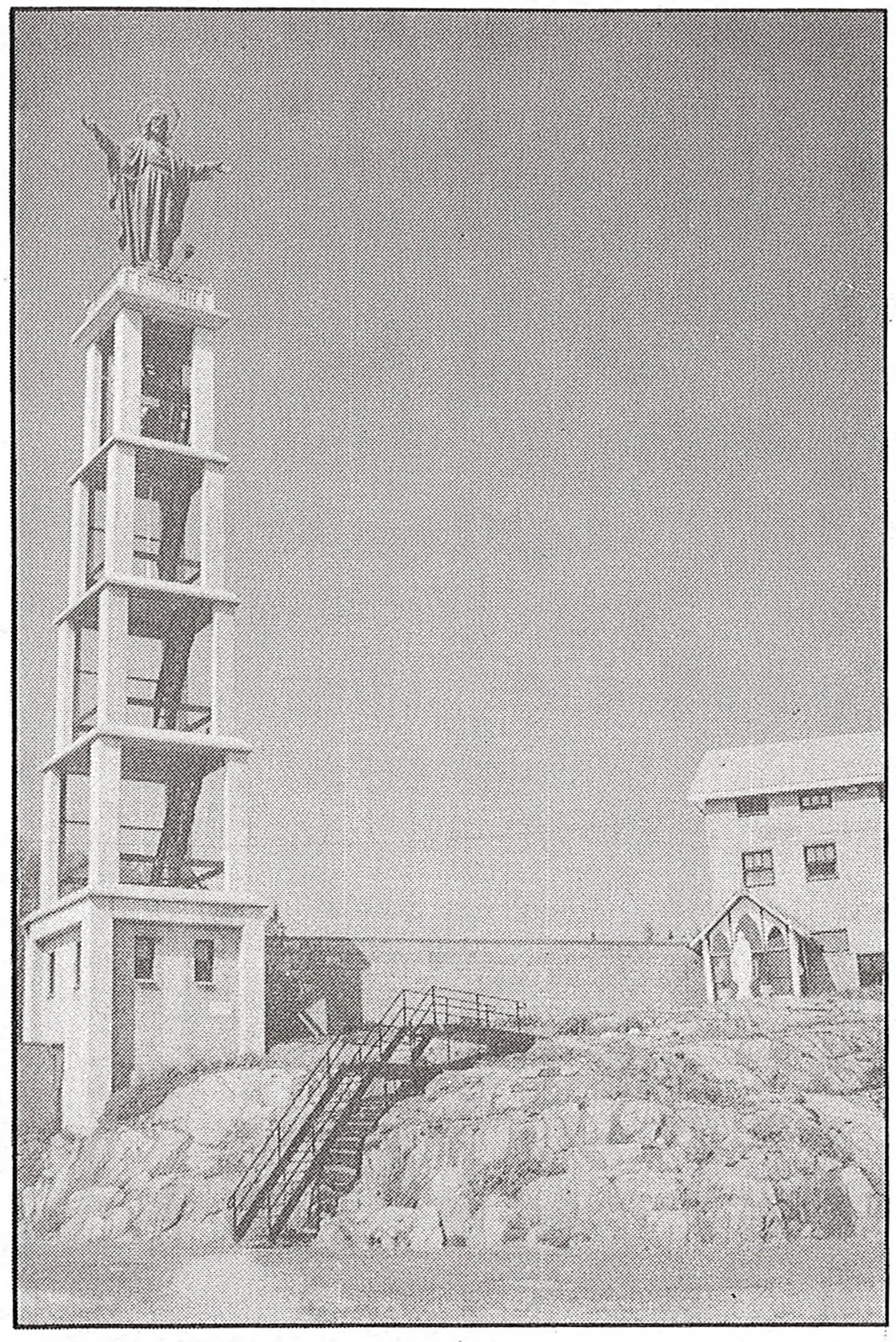
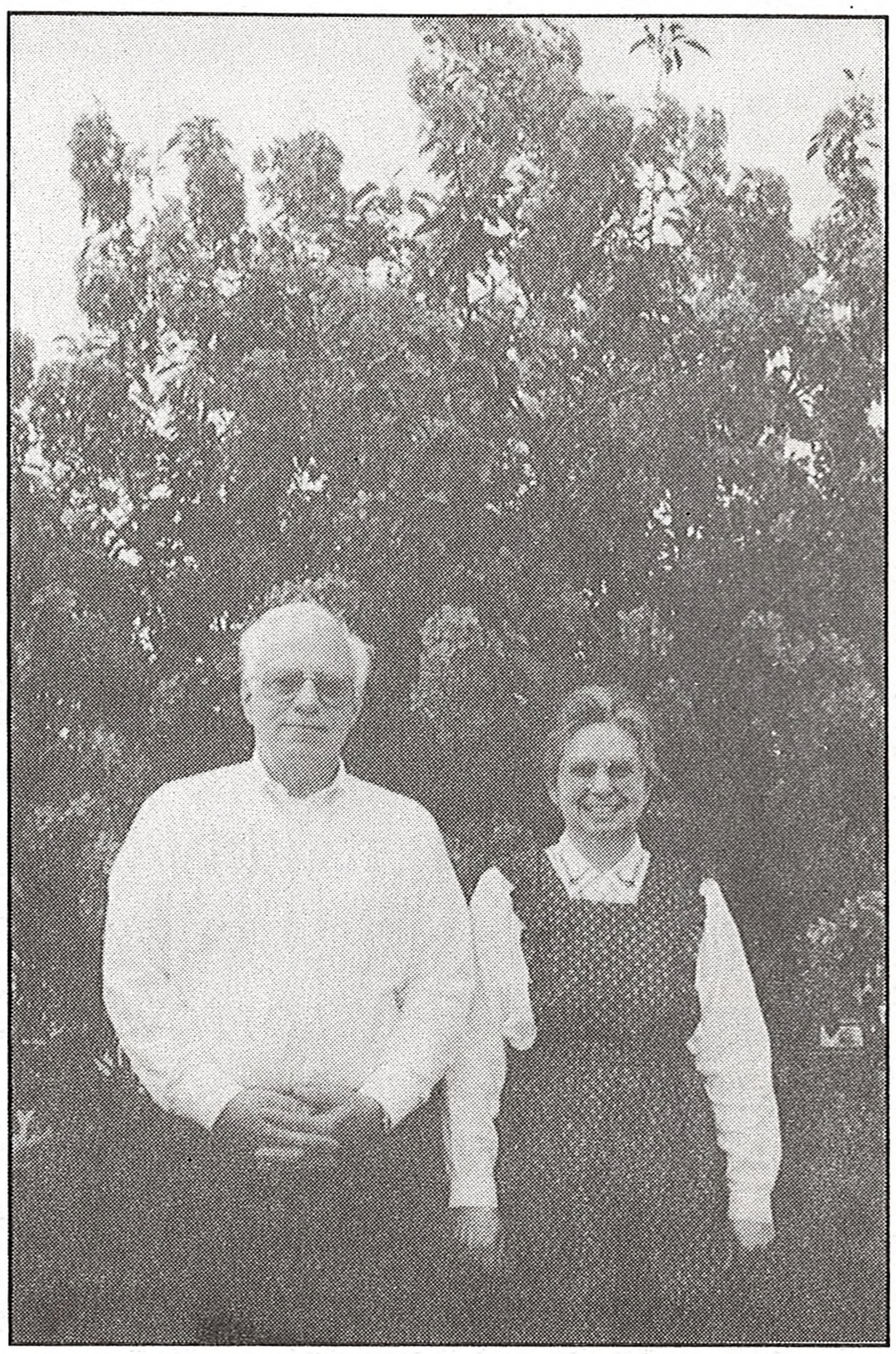
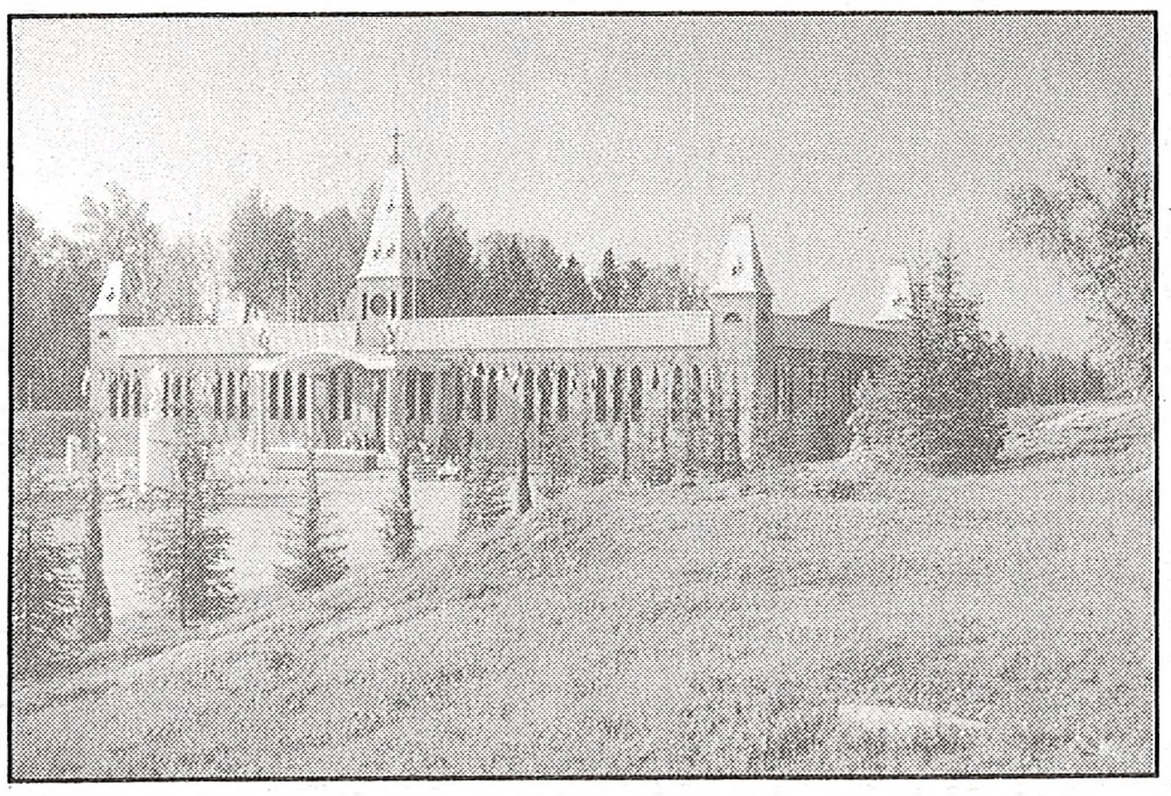
1. St. Louis Mary de Montfort, Prophetic Prayer asking for the Apostles of the Latter Times.
2. Secret of La Salette



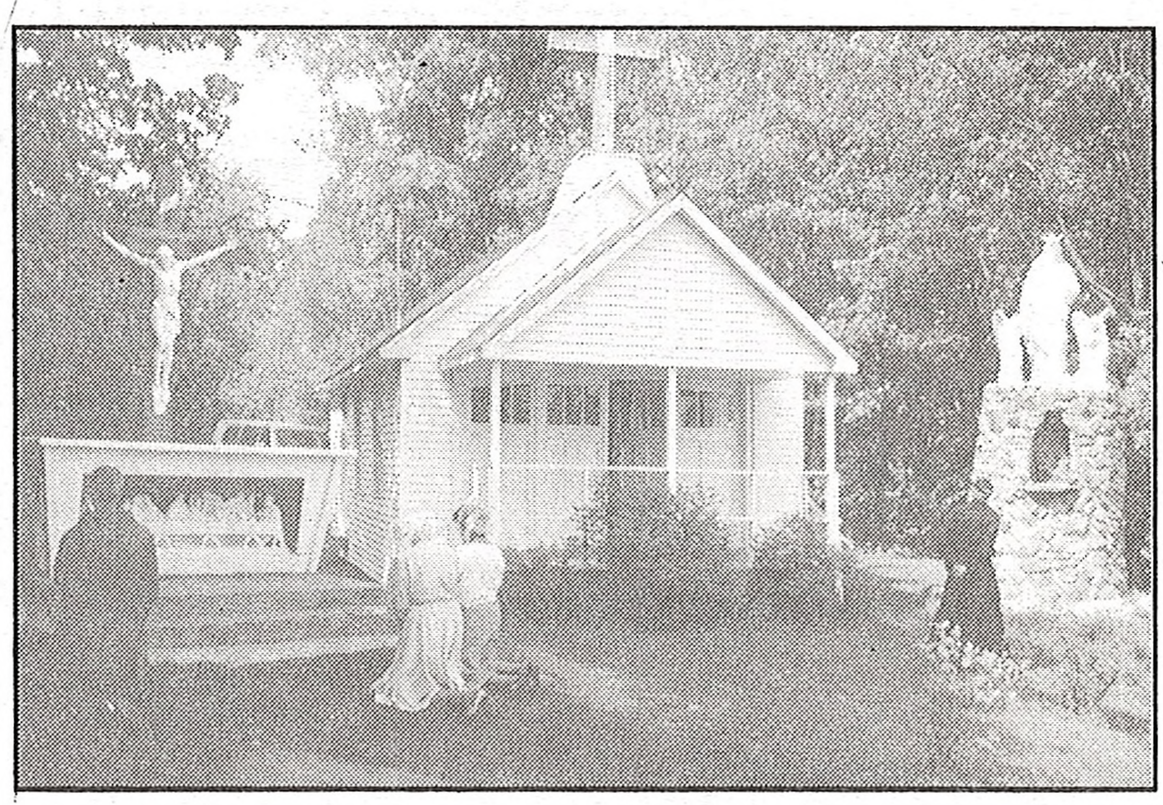
**Bell tower at the Monastery of the Apostles - St. Jovite. The bronze statue of Christ on top is 22 feet tall.**



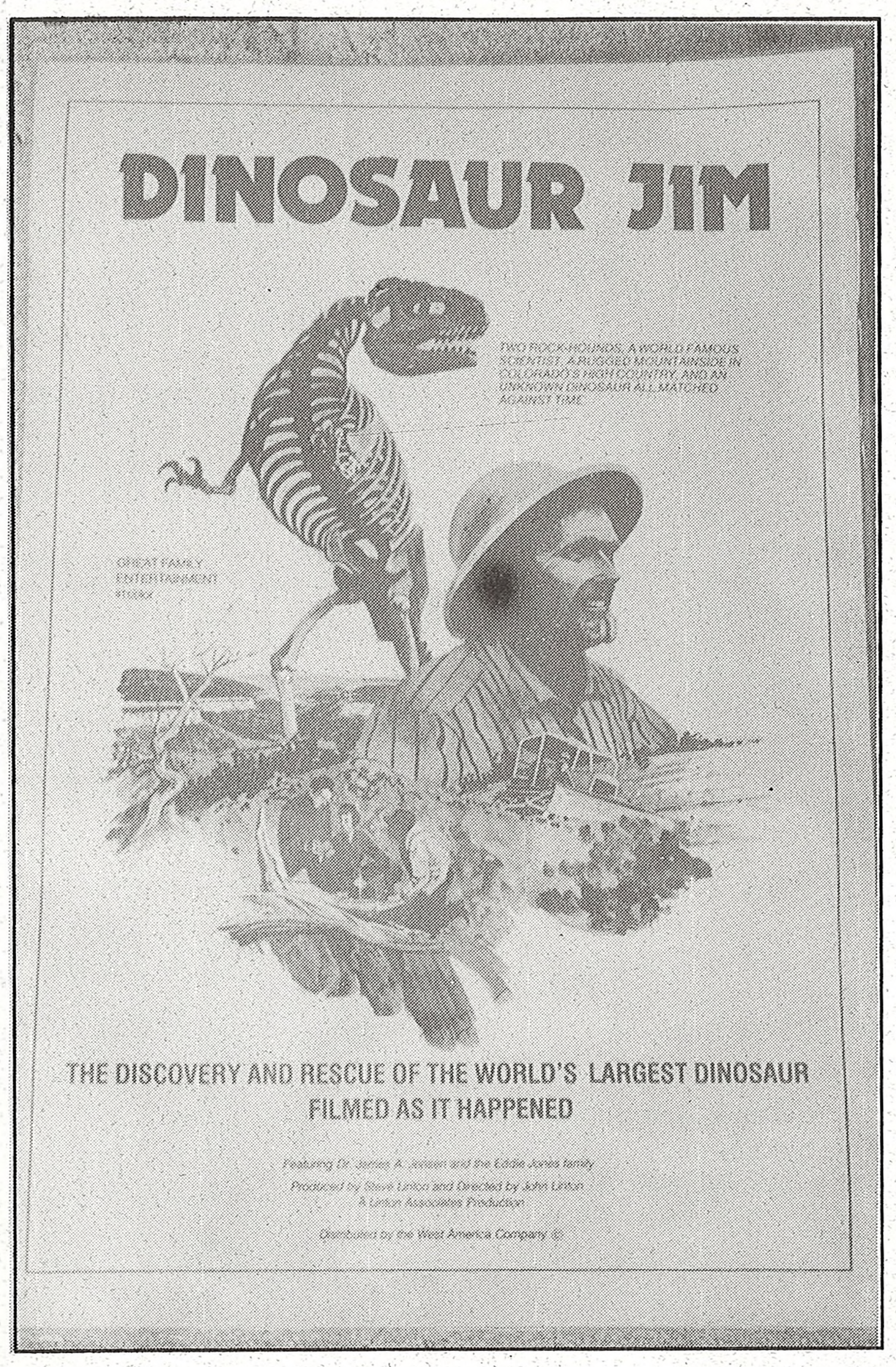
**Jerry and Evelyn Bonk at their home near Flint, Michigan. Parents of 11 children, they love to visit St. Jovite.**



**One of the very practical buildings at the Monastery. Unless you have been there, I'll bet you would never guess what it is used for.**



On May of 1998 some of the Colorado pilgrims pray outside a chapel at **MARY QUEEN OF OUR HEARTS SHRINE**, Chertsey, Quebec, Canada. Miss Emma Blanch Curotte (1890-1961) of Chertsey, an authentic visionary, said that Our Lady told her she wanted a Basilica built on this mountain. It is to have 15 altars, in honor of the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, like at **FATIMA** and **LOURDES.** In 1942 she was told by Our Lady: "Work with me for the salvation of souls... Tell souls that it is through ME that the REIGN OF JESUS WILL COME ON EARTH..."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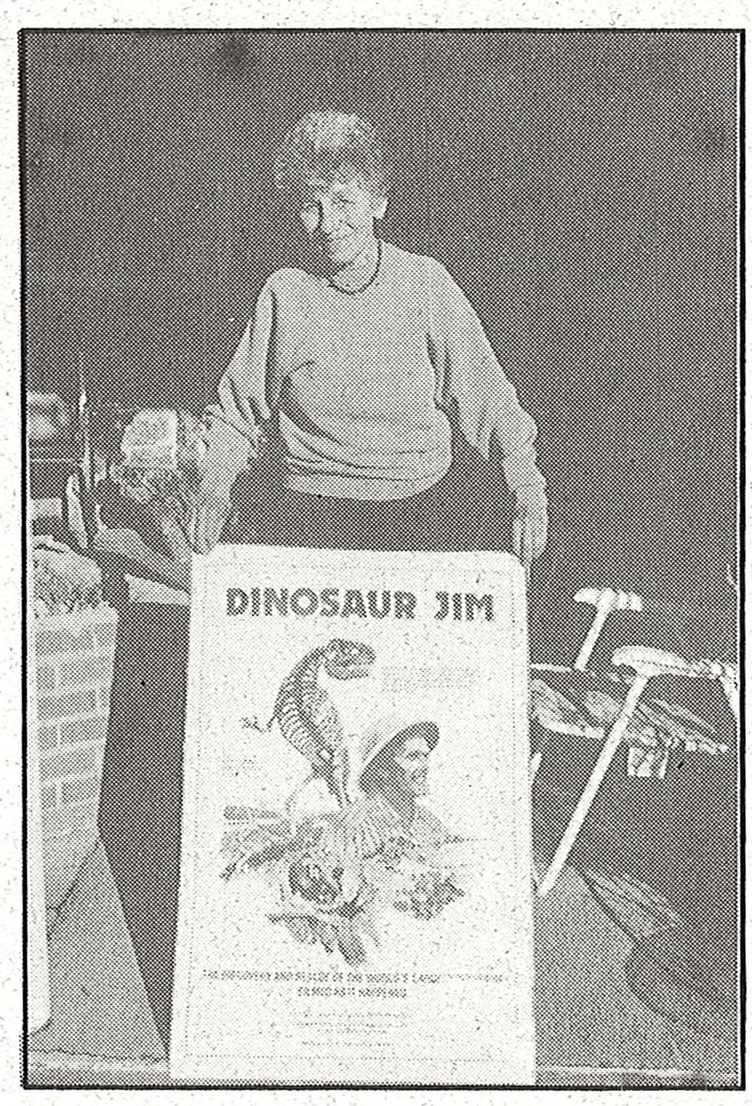
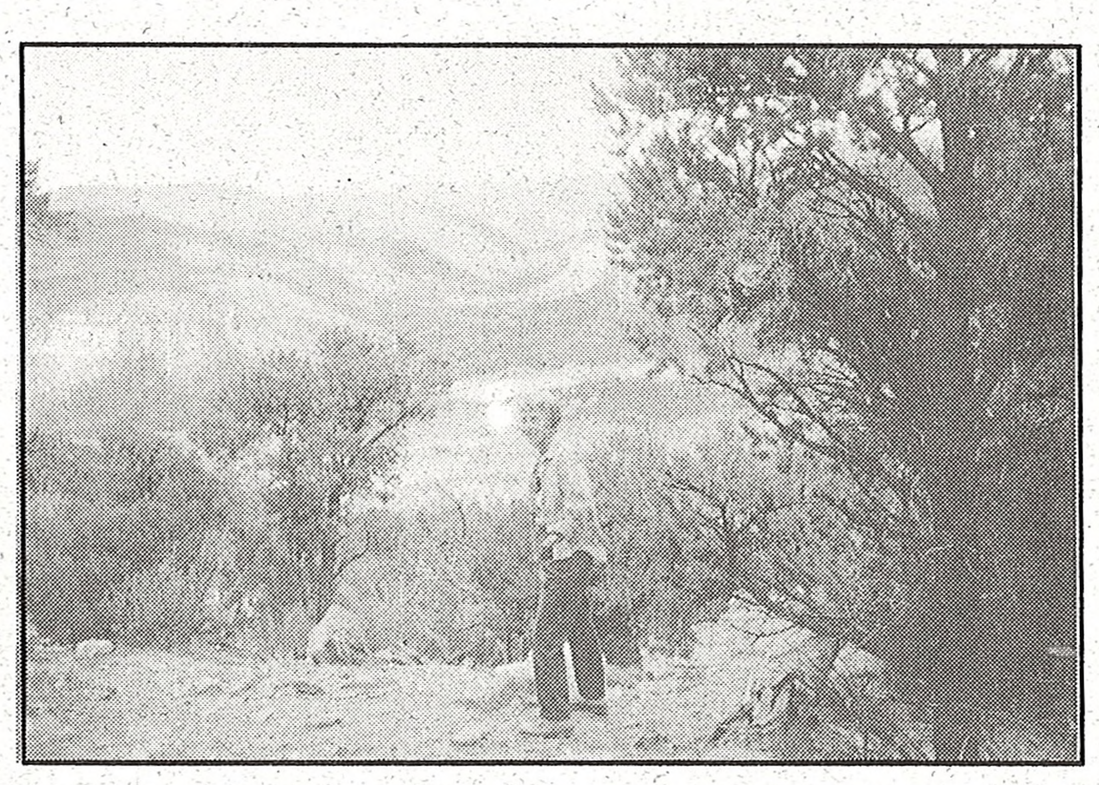
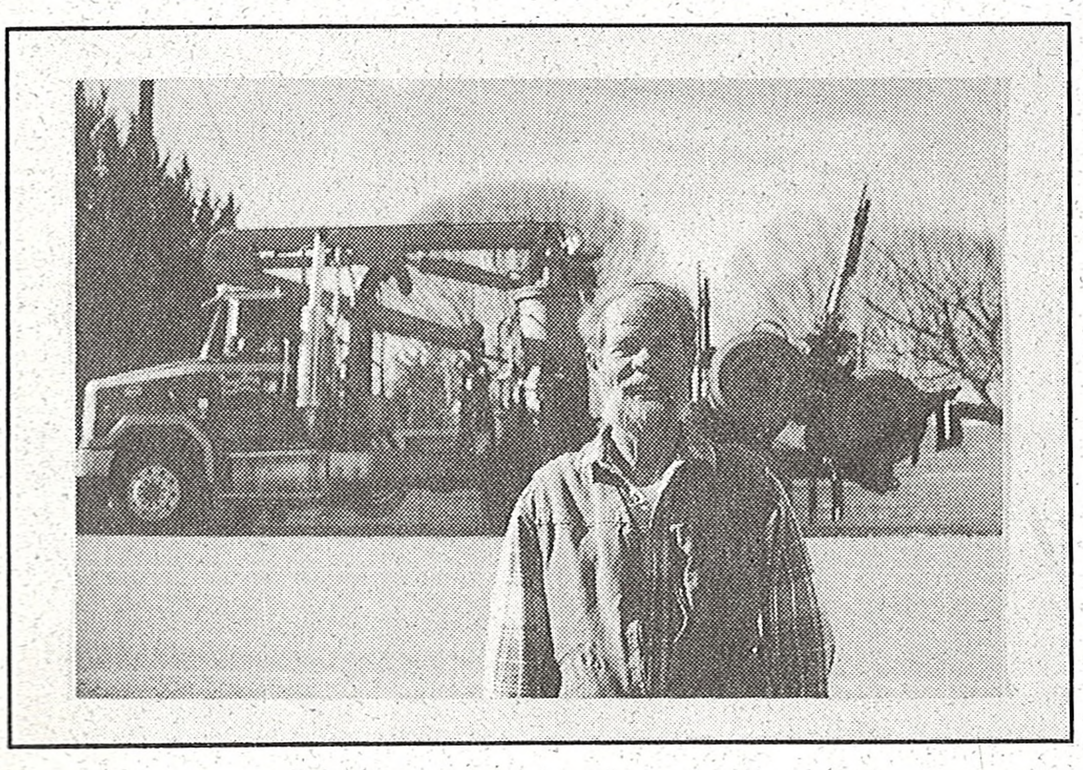
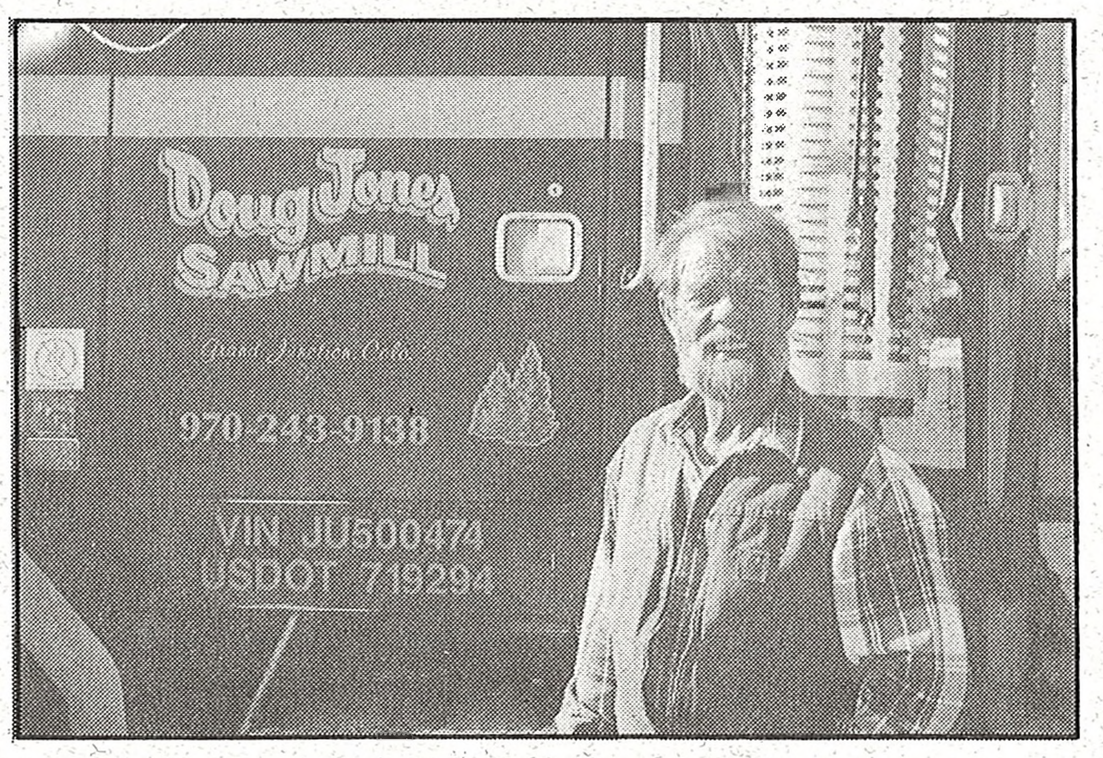


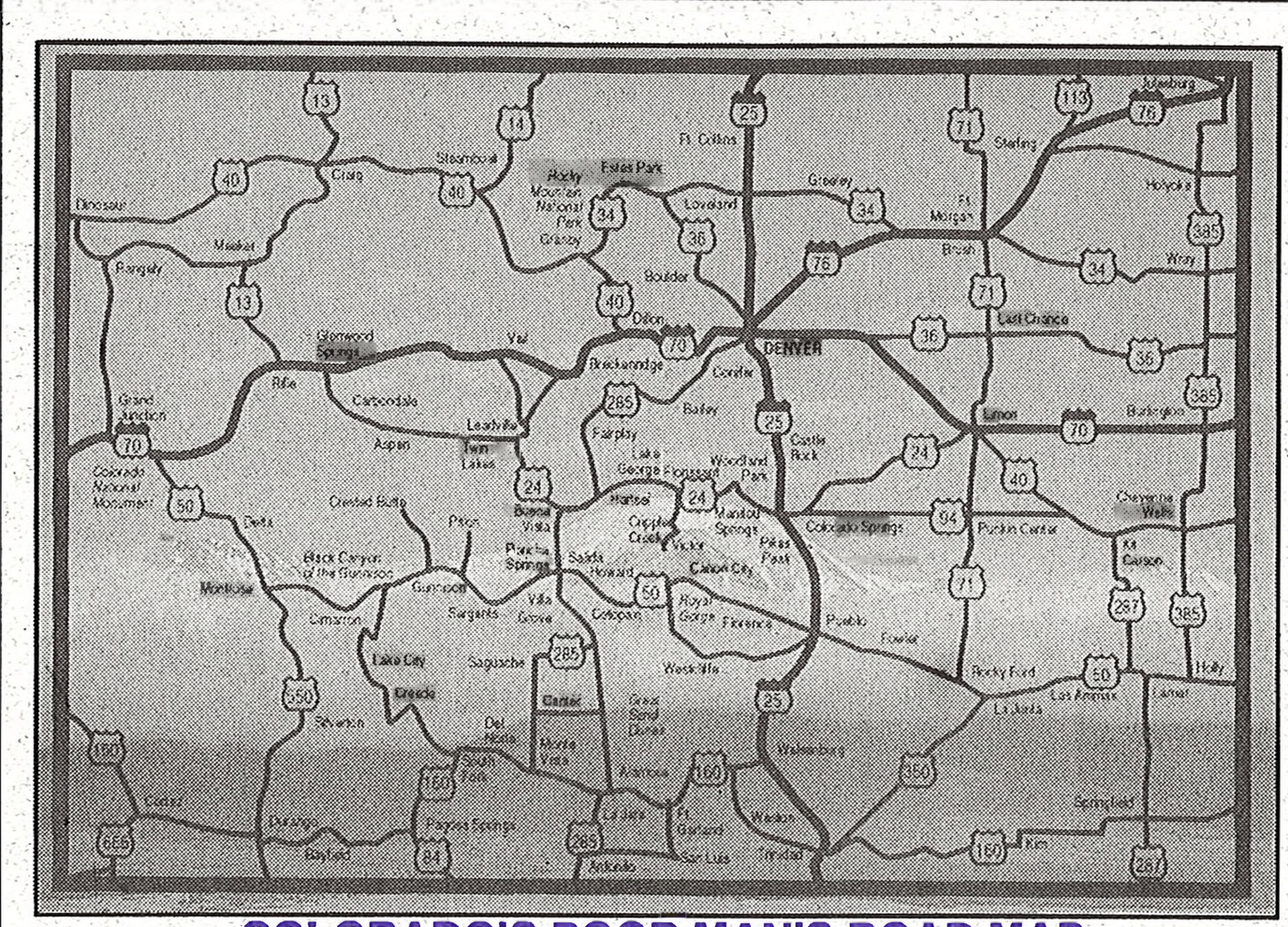



**Your editor's mother, Mrs. Vivian Jones, at the Dry Mesa Dinosaur Quarry site overlooking Escalante Canyon and Love Mesa southwest of Delta, Colorado.**






**Doug Jones donated his time and bulldozer to help open up the Dry Mesa Dinosaur Quarry. He really likes his new logging truck! You'll see him and his mother in the feature-length movie DINOSAUR JIM which had it's debut in Delta, Colorado in the early 1970's.**




**COLORADO'S POOR MAN'S ROAD MAP**

**The Mike & Maureen Fink family of Westcliffe, Colorado. It is not hard to take a liking to this dear Catholic family.**

**To live by love is to go through life, sowing peace and joy in hearts.**

*Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus*

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